Amendments to the Specification are as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 5 and ending on page 9, line 4 as follows:

(Amended) According to another aspect of the present invention, a manufacturing method for a magnetic head is provided, the method including the steps of (a) forming a plurality of thin film magnetic heads on a first substrate, then cutting the first substrate into a bar with a plurality of thin film magnetic heads aligned thereon in the longitudinal direction to form a first bar, (b) cutting a second substrate into a bar to form a second bar, (c) defining the surface of the first bar whereon the thin film magnetic heads are formed as the surface to be bonded to the second bar, protuberantly forming at least one or more abutting planes on the bonding surface of at least one of the first bar or the second bar at positions where they will remain in cores when the bars are cut into individual cores in a subsequent step, and forming a groove to a predetermined depth with a step provided between itself and the abutting plane, (d) butting the abutting plane formed on at least one bar against the bonding surface of the other bar, setting the bars parallel to each other, and forming an adhesion layer of a predetermined thickness between the groove formed in at least one bar and the bonding surface of the other bar to bond the first bar and the second bar, and (e) cutting the first bar and the second bar into cores between the individual thin film magnetic heads to produce a magnetic head having the first core and the second core bonded through the intermediary of the adhesion layer and a magnetic gap of the thin film magnetic head being exposed on the medium opposing surface of the first core and the second core.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 23 and ending on page 22, line 2 as follows:

(Amended) An adhesive agent injected into the gap between the groove 16 formed in the first core 11 and the bonding surface 25a of the second core 25 may slightly oozes out, due to the capillary phenomenon or the like, between the first abutting plane 14 formed on the first core 11 and the

bonding surface 25a of the second core 25. In such a case also, exposure of the adhesive agent on the medium opposing surface H1A can be prevented.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 32, line 22 and ending on page 33, line 3 as follows:

(Amended) Then, the first bar 41 and the second bar 46 are cut into cores along one-dot chain lines E shown in Fig. 11 so as to produce magnetic heads, each including the first core 11 and the second core 25 bonded by the adhesion layer 47. Furthermore, the medium opposing surface H1A of the magnetic head is subjected to cylindrical grinding or copy grinding to a ~~radium~~radial shape. This fabricates a magnetic head having the magnetic gap G of the thin film magnetic head 12 exposed on the medium opposing surface H1A of the first core 11 and the second core 25.